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TAGS: PGOV, OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW), HA
SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG - MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
DUVALIER

1. HAITIAN PRESIDENT DUVALIER MET FOR ONE HALF HOUR WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG, AMBASSADOR JONES, HAITIAN UN AMBASSADOR CHARLES AND HAITIAN INTERPRETER PICKERING. PRESIDENT DUVALIER MADE EXPECTED REMARKS OF WELCOME AND STATED HE HOPED U.S. AS A DEVELOPED COUNTRY WOULD CONTINUE TO FURNISH ASSISTANCE TO THE UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS. AMB. YOUNG RESPONDED BY STATING PHILOSOPHY OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND STRESSING THAT ASSISTANCE MUST BE TO HELP THE POOR. AMB. YOUNG THEN PRESENTED GENERAL OUTLINE OF HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND HANDED PRESIDENT DUVALIER A LETTER LISTING NAMES OF PERSONS ALLEGEDLY DETAINED BY GOH.

2. PRESIDENT DUVALIER THEN RECOUNTED HAITIAN HISTORY, STRESSING THAT THE POLITICAL PHASE INTRODUCED BY HIS FATHER HAD NOW PASSED AND THAT THE "ECONOMIC" STRUGGLE HAD BEGUN UNDER HIS PRESIDENCY.

3. AMB. YOUNG CONTINUED TO STRESS NEED FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN
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RIGHTS AND THAT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE MUST RESULT IN HELP TO THE POOR AND NEEDY.

4. AFTER FURTHER GENERAL EXCHANGES, PRESIDENT DUVALIER SAID THAT GOH WAS GOING TO ISSUE A COMMUNIQUE BEFORE AMB. YOUNG'S DEPARTURE THAT WOULD AGREE TO A VISIT BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF THE OAS TO HAITI. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE

THE LIST OF NAMES IN AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S LETTER TO HIM CHECKED
AND THE STATUS OF EACH CASE DETERMINED.

5. THE PRESIDENT THEN RECEIVED THE REST OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY
AND WE ADJOURNED TO ANOTHER ROOM FOR CHAMPAGNE TOAST. MEMBERS
OF THE PRESS WERE INVITED IN TO TAKE PHOTOS. UNDER AN AGREEMENT
WORKED OUT THE PREVIOUS EVENING IN MEETINGS BETWEEN FOREIGN
MINISTER BRUTUS AND AMB. JONES, THE GOH PERMITTED A US PRESS
POOL TO ATTEND THE OFFICIAL TOAST AND TAKE PHOTOS. (THIS WAS A
REVERSAL OF AGREEMENT MADE THE NIGHT BEFORE THAT NO PRESS WOULD
ATTEND SO AS TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT OF PRESIDENT HAVING TO
GREET DIEDERICH, TIME REP, WHOM HE HAD ASKED NOT TO COME TO
HAITI.) PHOTOS WERE TAKEN AND THE PRESIDENT OFFERED A TOAST
IN A LOW VOICE COMPLETELY INAUDIBLE EXCEPT TO THOSE NEXT TO
HIM. AMBASSADOR YOUNG RESPONDED IN APPROPRIATELY SOFT
VOICE AND SO WAS NOT HEARD MUCH BEYOND THE PRESIDENT.

6. AT THE AIRPORT, FOREIGN SECRETARY BRUTUS TOLD AMBASSADOR
JONES THAT PRESIDENT HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO SAY THAT GOH HAD
DECIDED NOT TO ISSUE COMMUNIQUE ON OAS HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION BUT THAT GOH DECISION TO ADMIT COMMISSION WOULD
BE CONVEYED THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS DIRECTLY TO THE OAS BY
AMBASSADOR SALOMON IN WASHINGTON. BRUTUS THEN MET WITH
YOUNG AND JONES AND FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT GOH DID NOT WANT
TO ISSUE A WRITTEN COMMUNIQUE AS IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE BOWING
TO U.S. PRESSURES. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT YOUNG WAS FREE TO
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TELL THE PRESS THAT GOH WOULD RECEIVE THE OAS COMMITTEE (GOH
UN AMBASSADOR CHARLES HAD ALREADY TOLD HAITIAN MEDIA).
BRUTUS ALSO SAID THAT THE LIST OF NAMES IN THE LETTER WOULD BE
GONE OVER AND THOSE WITH NO CRIMINAL CHARGES WOULD BE RELEASED
AND OTHERS WOULD HAVE A SPEEDY TRIAL. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE
LEGISLATURE WITHIN THE MONTH WOULD ENACT A LAW GRANTING THE
RIGHT TO HABEAS CORPUS. BRUTUS AGAIN URGED PATIENCE AND SAID
IT WOULD TAKE TIME TO UNDO THE PAST.MEADE

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